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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1764
Wolfgang Becker, *et al.* :

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002 (Paper No. 9), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including February 6, 2003, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection, in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 11-28 are currently pending in the present application.

In Paper No. 9, the Examiner withdraws the previous indication that claims 11-24 are allowable and extends the previous rejection of claims 25-28 in rejecting claims 11-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,439,709 of Becker, *et al.*, (hereinafter referred to as "Becker '709"). The Examiner contends that Becker '709 discloses "a process of lubricating textile fibers comprising contacting said fibers with a smoothing agent consisting of fatty acid methyl esters which have been produced by transesterification of natural